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1. The firm Miszentermelő Vallalat, a carbon-producing enterprise under the Chemical Section of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, is located at Gergely ut 47, Budapest X. It is one of two firms in Hungary producing carbon and related products for industrial use, e.g., for the manufacture of metal alloys and chemical filters. The firm employed 250 workers in late 1956. 50X1-HUM
2. Founded in 1946, Miszentermelő Vallalat's total production in 1956 was valued at 12,000,000 plan forints. The main product was carbon filter material for the manufacture of wine, the processing of sugar, and 50X1-HUM similar industrial processes. [redacted] the majority of the carbon filter product was intended for use in gas masks [redacted]. The filter material output from Miszentermelő Vallalat was shipped to the Bulking Equipment Enterprise, in Budapest, where it was processed further for more specific industrial applications. 50X1-HUM
3. In late 1955 and 1956, the demand for carbon filter material began to slacken and increased emphasis was given to two secondary products: carbon brushes for electric motors and generators and carbon for use in piston rings. There were plans for developing exports to the Bloc and the West, but nothing came of them. A decline in production was apparent, attributable largely to the failure of raw materials and machinery to arrive according to plan.

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